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ready and the distribution lines are almost complete ; and it is anticipated, to certainty, that the project will be in actual operation before the middle of next year and in all probability by the middle of December 1939. The revenue yield for the six months the scheme will be in operation next year, has been estimated at Rs. 2·5 lakhs ; and it is hoped that within 3 years from the commencement of service, the scheme will be able to meet interest, depreciation and working expenses. The total expenditure on the project, including civil and electrical works, is expected to stand at Rs. 127·35 lakhs at the close of the current year, while for the next year, a provision of Rs. 20 lakhs has been included in the Budget for the completion of the unfinished items of work, as well as for operation expenses.

34. *Trivandrum Electric Supply.* The total capital expenditure on this scheme is expected to stand at Rs. 10·60 lakhs at the end of the current year and the expenditure budgeted for for the next year is Rs. ·70 of a lakh. The present generation is 1·33 million units per annum, which is likely to mount up to 2 million units with the opening of the Rubber Factory. The demand for supply of power is encouraging and the gross receipts during the current year are expected to be Rs. 2·55 lakhs and those during the next year are estimated at Rs. 2·76 lakhs.

35. *Quilon Electric Supply.* By the close of the current year, Government would have incurred a capital expenditure of Rs. 3·11 lakhs on this scheme and Rs. 3·41 lakhs by the close of the next year. There is a rapid increase in the demand for supply of power. The total generation in 1112 was only ·23 million units. It rose up to ·8 million units in 1113 and is expected to go up to 1·7 million units at the end of this year. The receipt for this year is estimated at Rs. 1·37 lakhs and that for the next year at Rs. 1·50 lakhs.

The Depreciation and Reserve funds of the Electrical schemes are expected to stand at Rs. 6·97 and Rs. 3·08 lakhs respectively at the close of the next year.

Sir, Travancore has boldly ventured to harness the Munnar in the confident hope that she would supply the State's deficiencies in iron, cotton and coal by what the Americans call "White coal" and thereby ensure a never failing source of ever-expanding accession of revenue as well as the country's industrial growth and re-generation. The example of Sivasamudram in Mysore and of Pykara in Madras, the latter of which owes its courageous inception and statesman-like execution to you Sir, when you held the reins of office in the Presidency, should assuredly hearten us to push on with the Pallivasal Scheme which heralds the dawn of a new era of hope and prosperity.

36. *Trunk Telephone Scheme.* This Scheme is making rapid progress. The Trunk line from Trivandrum to Quilon has already been brought into operation and the remaining works are expected to be finished during the year. The capital expenditure on the scheme is estimated to stand at Rs 3·98 lakhs at the close of the current year,

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